Parameterized aspects of strong subgraph closure

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We study STRONG F-CLOSURE from a parameterized complexity point of view.

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